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1. A few weeks ago, the Neptun shipyard in Rostock was inspected by a commission from the Soviet agency in charge of all shipyards in the Russian zone of Germany. Shortly afterward, the Neptun shipyards received the production plan for 1948, which calls for the construction of 200 "fishing" motor boats of identical construction, of 150 tons each, to be delivered by the end of 1948. In addition, extensive repair work is to be done on small Soviet naval craft, in particular on torpedo boats and destroyers.
2. Since this program requires an increase of workers from 3,500 to 5,000, specialized workers will have to be drafted from the surrounding area.
3. The dredging operations of the River Warnow, connecting the Kroeger shipyard, Warnemunde (a subsidiary of the Neptun shipyard), with the Baltic Sea, were completed some time ago. Immediately afterwards, the ship "Der Deutsche" (approximate gross registered tonnage 22,000), which served formerly for trips of the "Kraft durch Freude" movement, was brought to the Kroeger shipyard. The entire interior of the ship is to undergo basic changes which indicate that the ship will be used in future for the transport of troops. The work is carried in three shifts to satisfy the Russian staff, which is insisting upon speedy reconstruction.
4. The number of workers has risen to over 1,000; however, in January 1948, it is to reach the figure of 2,000.

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